

GUIDING MONTANA BUSINESSES TO

Success



Lisa Wareham Photography has been doing business in Butte, Montana since 2008 and has photographed some of Butte's most treasured sites. Lisa prides herself on having a cutting-edge style and offers family, wedding and high school senior sessions as well as photography classes. Lisa was renting a 900 square foot space in the basement of a three-story building located in uptown Butte. As demand for her photography service increased, Lisa felt like she needed to expand and set up a more formal studio for her business. She approached the owner of the building where she was renting a space about the possibility of buying the building - and was thrilled when he agreed. Lisa reached out to Julie Jaksha, Director of the Small Business Development Center at Headwaters RC&D, for help in the process. Julie assisted Lisa by helping her develop a business plan and put together a financing package. They were unable to secure financing through traditional lenders, however Headwaters RC&D decided to step in and finance the project. Lisa's new studio is double the size of her old one. The natural light studio has a large, east-facing window, giving Lisa plenty of sunlight to take photographs. Lisa and her husband Robert are excited about beginning renovations on the apartments above the new studio, and love being able to live and work in uptown Butte.

SBDC Director: Julie Jaksha

Client: Lisa Wareham

Impact: Business Expanded
Financing Received
Building Purchased

